



INVE32.004C1

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jan Vanhoof et al.

Group Art Unit 2143

Appl. No. : 09/696,836

Filed : October 25, 2000

For : INTERPROCESS COMMUNICATION
PROTOCOL SYSTEM

Examiner : Jerry B. Dennison

**PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED
CLAIM PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)**

MAIL STOP RCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination and a Preliminary Amendment to include a first sentence in the specification which identifies the above-identified patent application as being a continuation application from U.S. Patent Application No. 08/592,697, filed January 26, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,212,566.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(iii), this Preliminary Amendment provides the required reference to the earlier-filed non-provisional application from which the above-identified patent application claims priority.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii)(B), because the above-identified patent application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) before November 29, 2000, the time periods of § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) do not apply to the above-identified patent application.

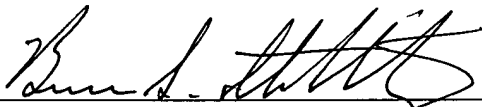
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)(iii), Applicants state that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date this claim was filed was unintentional.

Appl. No.: : 09/696,836
Filed : October 25, 2000

If any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney in order to resolve such issues promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 10/24/05

By: 

Bruce S. Itchkawitz
Registration No. 47,677
Attorney of Record
Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP
2040 Main Street
Fourteenth Floor
Irvine, CA 92614
(949) 760-0404

1991616
102405